



## **Men Against Violence Against Women**

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Date: Thur/5/Oct/2017

Our Ref: nipdec/1/que

Your Ref: September 28, 2017

Ms. Kim Garibsingh,  
Company Secretary,  
National Insurance Property Development Company Limited,  
#50-60 St. Vincent Street,  
Port of Spain.

SUBJECT: PRE-SUBMISSION BRIEFING, THUR/5/OCT/17—LEVEL 21, TOWER D—OPM.

Dear Ms. Garibsingh,

Thank you for the opportunity to collect information on this brilliant initiative, hosted by the Office of the Prime Minister, held on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, at 10am.

The conception I had of this being a NIPDEC initiative, was corrected when I visited the Gender Affairs Conference Room on the 21<sup>st</sup> Floor of Tower D, 1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain and was eventually informed that the accepted contractor, has to sign a contract with the Gender Affairs Ministry, a fixed contract, which may be negotiable, NIPDEC being a procurer, in this instance and evaluating the submitted proposals.

The contract was not listed/shown in the Request for Proposal (RFP) Packages, power point presented, available for purchase at TT\$337.00, vat inclusive, an oversight, in my humble view, indicating that after the expense in money and time, that will go into the proposal work, this may be negated, if the terms and conditions of the said contract, are unacceptable to the winning contractor, without comprise.

If this said contract is available to you, can you share it by email please, or advise the Gender Affairs Department to make it available to all the relevant proponents?

My experience with this Department in the past has left some questions about how far up the Gender and Development Ladder, they are effectively positioned, and I am attaching 3 documents relevant to my concern, for your perusal, in the email version of this correspondence, which will be signed and delivered to your Head of Project Development, when we tour the sites under consideration, in your invitation, tomorrow at 10 am in South.

These documents are titled, Gender Training Analysis, published 2008, IWD 2016, published 2016 and 2017 National Awards Comments and published recently.

As stated to your representatives, at the Conference Room, MAVAW men take our work in Gender and Development very seriously and being self funded, we hold no allegiance to any man made organisation, the Creator being the final evaluator of our efforts.

As a consequence, also attached in the email version of this letter to you, are the relevant registered documents of MAVAW, which will meet any and all requirements for Tender Purposes

We at the briefing were informed, that the person signing the proposal must be recommended by a Director, even if the signee is the registered Secretary and Director of an incorporated non-profit company. My reading of the Companies Act, has not noted that and if I am wrong, can you guide me to the section in the Act, which says such, for my further education and willingness to comply with your instructions.

Again, my deepest congratulations for your part in this long overdue initiative to reach men undergoing problems in their relationships, in spite of my concern expressed in other areas.

As a man, a father and grandfather, my efforts to leave this place in a better condition I met it, will continue unabated, up to my last breath and maybe thereafter if such exists.

I look forward to presenting for evaluation to the NIPDEC Committee, an unbeatable proposal to manage the Male Workshop Centre.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

***Signed .....Donald Berment, Secretary.***

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